



NEWS RELEASE

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STASH HOUSE TAKES OVER 149.8 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA OFF THE STREETS

Date/Time: 10/01/10 @ 5:55 p.m.
Location: 1600 block of Saint Abraham
Arrested 1: Rosa ALDAMA, 39 years of age, 1900 blk Andy Williams, El Paso, TX
Arrested 2: Tomas ONTIVEROS, 31 years of age, 1600 blk St. Abraham, El Paso, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS – Investigators of the West Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (H.I.D.T.A.) Stash House Unit while conducting an ongoing investigation recovered 136 bundles of wrapped Marihuana with a total weight of 149.8 pounds on Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. Investigators located the pot inside suit cases and back pack, in the garage of a home in the 1600 blk of Saint Abraham. As a result of the investigation Rosa ALDAMA and Tomas ONTIVEROS were charged with Possession of Marihuana over 50 pounds and booked into the El Paso County Jail. ALDAMA's bond was set at \$20,000.00 and ONTIVEROS' was set at \$60,000.00. This Investigation continues...

The West Texas HIDTA Stash House unit would like to remind the public of possible indicators

- 1) Rental homes
- 2) Attached garages
- 3) Unkept Yards
- 4) Little if any furniture
- 5) Occupants keep to themselves (not visible on a daily basis)
- 6) Occupants will not hold a normal pattern of lifestyle
- 7) Different vehicles (especially vans and pickup trucks) entering and exiting the garage
- 8) Vehicles arriving at the stash house will have different out of town plates (Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, and paper "buyer" or "dealer" plates
- 9) Sudden activity in the home after days or weeks of not seeing anyone at the home
- 10) Accumulation of advertisements on the front door
- 11) Occupants do not usually put their trash out for regular collection, but instead prefer to dump it at another location themselves.

These again are some of the typical indicators of a stash house, and these indicators alone do not necessarily mean that the occupants of the home are running a stash house. As a general rule if residents believe there is suspicious activity in a home in their area they should call the West Texas Stash House Unit at 629-8600 or Crime Stoppers at 566-8477 (TIPS).

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